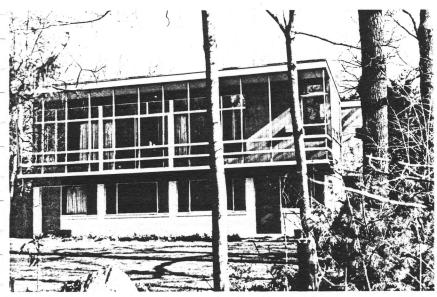
## FORM B - BUILDING

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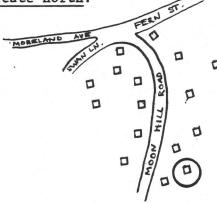
AREA	FORM NO.	
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Lexington
ress 16 Moon Hill Road
oric Name Leonard J. Currie House
Present residential
Original residential
SCRIPTION:
c. 1948

## SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Anne Grady
Recorded by R.S. Morehouse

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1976; January, 1984

c. 1948		
architect		
Style International Style		
Architect Leonard J. Currie		
Exterior wall fabric fir plywood		
Outbuildings		
Major alterations (with dates)		
MovedDate		
Approx. acreage 27010 ft. <sup>2</sup>		
Setting In community of architect-		
designed contemporary homes; set back		
from quiet street.		

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This house shares with its neighbors the International Style feature of rectilinear massing, flat roof, horizontal bands of windows, and large areas of glass. Siting takes advantage of natural landscape features and orients house toward the sun. The long axis of the house is parallel to the slope; all major rooms face south. The maximum span of 2-by-10 joists determined the width of the house and allowed for open-plan living areas. Distinctive features of the house include the wooden ramp suspended from the house by cables to provide

(see Continuation Sheet)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Part of The Architects Collaborative (TAC) planned community of Moon Hill Road, this house was designed c. 1948 as his own residence by Leonard J. Currie who worked closely with TAC (see Moon Hill area form). The house was later occupied by Konrad E. Bloch who won the Nobel Prize

in 1964 for Physiology or Medicine.

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## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Property Name: 16 Moon Hill Road		

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

access to the kitchen without altering the natural slope of the site; the use of an upper level balcony off the living area hung by 2-by-4s bolted to the roof to shade lower level bedrooms; the use of light crossed cables as a decorative motif throughout the house; and the heavy granite curbstone fireplace.